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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2001.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the apparatus claims of Group I, including claims 16-34 (believed to incorrectly refer to claims 15-33 in the Office Action). This election is made with traverse, it being submitted that the differentiating features of both the apparatus and method claims are such that these claims should be examined and allowed in a single application.

Responsive to the election of species requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the species of Figures 1-6. It is submitted that claims 16-29 read on the elected species and are also generic to the three designated species.

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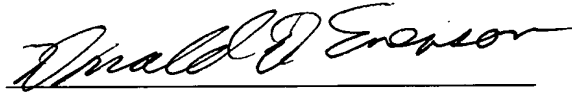
Since allowable generic claims are present, dependent claims to the not elected species should also be included and allowed in the present application.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #1752/49096).

Respectfully submitted,

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